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EXCLUSION

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1. CARICOM SECRETARIAT HAS MADE FORMAL REPRESENTATION TO EMBASSY BY LETTER FROM SEC GEN MCINTYRE TO AMBASSADOR STATING THAT COMMON MARKET COUNCIL IS QUOTE GRAVELY DISTURBED UNQUOTE THAT JAMAICA AND GUYANA HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED FROM GSP TREATMENT FOR SUGAR DURING 1976. ACCORDING TO LETTER, COUNCIL BELIEVES THAT AUTOMATIC EXCLUSION OF THESE COUNTRIES, BASED ON THEIR 1974 EXPORT PERFORMANCE QUOTE REFLECTED A LACK OF APPRECIATION OF THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE UNQUOTE. IT GOES ON TO SAY THAT BOTH COUNTRIES IN 1974 SOUGHT TO INCREASE THEIR SUGAR SHIPMENTS TO THE U.S. AT THE U.S. REQUEST IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY COULD MEET A HIGHER QUOTE A LEVEL. DEPT WILL RECALL THAT WEST INDIES QUOTA HAD BEEN REDUCED AS RESULT OF POOR 1973 PERFORMANCE, AND RESTORATION WAS GRANTED BY U.S. AFTER WEST INDIES REPRESENTS PROMISED TO MEET THE RESTORED QUOTA AND REALLOCATIONS

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(WHICH THEY DID). MCINTYRE ASSERTS THAT 1974 PERFORMANCE (257,036

LONG TONS) WAS SIMPLY RETURN TO EARLIER HIGHER-LEVEL EXPORTS TO U.S. (1969-206,530 LONG TONS), AND THAT GUYANA AND JAMAICA HAD EACH EXCEEDED DOLS 25 MILLION LEVEL BECAUSE OF UNUSUAL INCREASE IN WORLD SUGAR PRICE AT THAT TIME.

FYI: GUYANA'S 1974 SUGAR EXPORTS TO U.S. WERE 102,722 LONG TONS WHICH WOULD HAVE EXCEEDED THE DOLS 25 MILLION CUT-OFF LEVEL EVEN AT THE U.S. OFFERED PRICES JUST BEFORE THE SHARP INCREASE. END FYI.

2. EMBASSY HAS SENT INTERIM RESPONSE TO MCINTYRE ADVISING THAT LETTER (EMBASSY POUCHING COPY) FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON FOR REVIEW AND SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE.

ALTHOUGH CARICOM SECRETARIAT SOURCE ADVISES THAT COUNCIL DID NOT RPT NOT DISCUSS BILATERAL REPRESENTATIONS, DEPT CAN EXPECT INDIVIDUAL APPROACHES FROM JAMAICA AND GUYANA.

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